

# THE BULLETIN.

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## TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 8, 1881.

Conklin was elected Mayor of Winnipeg by 299 of a majority over Fonseca.

Chief Justice Meas died in France on January the 6th.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Commons to incorporate the North-Western and Saskatchewan Railway.

It is understood the French Canadian supporters of the Government demand that the North Shore Railway be purchased for \$11,000,000, and handed over to the Syndicate.

A correspondent writes the "Free Press" from Fort McLeod, charging Dewdney, the Indian Superintendent, with being interested in the firm which supplies flour to the Indians at seven dollars per sack, when it could be bought for five dollars.

The British Parliament opened on the 6th.

Gladstone stated that while he would not admit that the Land Act of 1870 had altogether failed, he would admit that new provisions were requisite as to the assignment of tenant's interests, and that the clause intended to give free scope to an experiment of creating peasant proprietary, had been almost imperative.

He also said the Government would introduce a bill for the better protection of persons and property in Ireland, also respecting the carrying of arms. He did not see their way to dealing with Borough franchises in Ireland this session.

## LATEST FROM HAY LAKES.

The police got back from Hay Lakes on Friday afternoon, and give the following further particulars of the troubles there. Before McKernan sent his last telegram a young Indian had drawn his knife on him, and he had knocked him down with the butt of his rifle. Some of the Indians also had, without the knowledge of the chief, taken potatoes out of a pit, and so caused the remainder to be frozen. When the police got there, at 11 o'clock, on Wednesday forenoon, the Indians had disappeared, but the chief, before leaving, had promised to pay for the potatoes. The police started after them at 3 o'clock next morning, and brought them back. The chief expressed a wish to settle the matter with McKernan privately, and was allowed to do so. He first offered one, then two, and finally three horses in payment. McKernan accepted the last offer as payment in full. This settled the whole business. The police then gave the Indians what provisions had been taken out—260 lbs. altogether, of flour, bacon and beef, and they left for

their home at the Battle Lakes. They gave as a reason for not applying at the Agency here for relief, that the agent would give them nothing, and they thought he wished to see them all die.

## LOCAL.

Roads good.

FLOUR is coming in sight again.

E. J. COOK has started a cooper shop at Godfrey Steele's place.

MR. H. S. YOUNG, of the H. B. C., leaves for Slave Lake to-day, by special (dog) train.

MR. L. THOMPSON arrived from Victoria on Friday night last with grain for the new mill.

The highest temperature during last week was 28 above zero on Tuesday, and 42 below on Saturday morning. Weather still and clear.

MR. D. ROSS will take out for the H. B. C. 100 tons of coal, for use on the Lilly next summer. He commenced delivering at the Fort on Saturday.

MR. WM. CUST sent fifteen ox sleds loaded with grain to the new mill on Saturday. Not much use in grinding flour for the Indians, and then hoarding it up in the Government store houses.

SERGEANT STEELE and sub-constable Chamberlayne left for Peace Hills on Saturday morning to arrest the Indian who killed the Government ox some days since. They will return on Tuesday.

## LAC LA BICHE.

The following items have been received from Lac la Biche under date of Dec. 23rd.

Crops were very fair this season, and the bulk was harvested free of frost, although the spring and seed time were unusually late.

The take of fish this fall was very light on account of the rough weather, and already there is a scarcity. Partridges and prairie chickens are abundant, but the Indians were not supplied with a sufficiency of either twine or ammunition, and are liable to suffer considerably. There is very little ammunition to be had, as the H. B. C. are quite out. Bears are the only large game, moose being very scarce and fur also.

The Lake was frozen over much earlier than usual, 10th of November.

A boy was drowned while skating on the first ice. There has been very little snow so far. At present there is not more than three inches, and the roads are very poor.

Intelligence has just been received of the death of five of the Heart Lake Chipewyans, one man, one woman and three children. Disease not certainly known, but appears to have been a bad cold or influenza.

### LOCAL.

MR. W. LENNIE has been ill for several days.

MR. W. CUST has 200 acres of land fall-ploughed. The census for Victoria gives 59 as the adult population.

REV. J. D. McLACHLAN, of Victoria, preached in the Methodist Church here, on Sunday evening.

MR. BIRD now comes to the front with a pig killed last week, weighing 347lbs. Fed only on bran and potatoes.

MR. TURPIN is expected to arrive very soon from Winnipeg, via the telegraph line. He is on a tour of inspection.

MR. JAMES REID, of Fort Saskatchewan, has a small quantity of fall wheat sown. It was looking well at last accounts.

D. NORZS started his threshing machine on Thursday, but broke a cog shortly after commencing work. It will be repaired to-day.

THE cold weather moderated about the middle of last week, and it has been fine ever since, with a slight fall of snow on Sunday. Lowest thermometer, 41 below on Monday night. Highest, 27 above Saturday afternoon.

THE ball at Mr. Fraser's on New Year's Eve, was a grand success, the ball-room being crowded to the door. The room was gaily decorated with festoons of olive branches—done up in moss-bags. The children's party at Mr. J. Fraser's and the dance at Kiplin's on Saturday night were also well attended.

THE native population turned out in strong force on the first, calling at all the houses, and wishing every one a "Happy New Year." It is supposed that the custom in the Eastern cities of making New Year's calls is copied from the Aborigines. It was barbarous and idiotic enough, in the first place, but has degenerated in the transplanting.

The following is a list of the highest market prices of fur in Montreal, last November:—Mink \$1 25, Martin 75, Beaver per lb. \$2 50, Bear \$8, Rats 10cts., Lynx \$1 50, Skunk 60cts., Otter, Beaver and Skunk were in good demand.

### DEATHS.

SPENCE.—At Victoria, on the 12th of December, Andrew Spence, after a long and lingering illness. He leaves a wife and six small children.

**JAMES HALY & CO.,—Fort Saskatchewan.**  
General Assortment of DRY GOODS and GROCERIES.  
Highest Cash Price paid for Fur.

**JAMES McDONALD,** Carpenter and Joiner, Edmonton Milling Co's Mills. Wood Turning done to order.

**ESTRAY HORSE.**—Bay Horse, 9 or 10 years old. All four legs white. White spot on forehead. Saddle marked. Came on the premises of the subscriber last spring. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take him away.

GEO. RATH.

**HORSE FOUND.**—Came into my band of horses last September, a small Bichon or Buckskin Horse. 2 years old next spring. A little knock kneed. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take him away.

HENRY FRASER.

**C. W. SUTTER**—Gentlemen's Outfitter and Clothier—A Large Assortment of Ready Made Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Fancy Goods. Ready Made Clothing fitted without extra charge. Market House, first door East of Mission.

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**CARLYN & LAKE,**  
BIG LAKE ROAD.

Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Ready Made Clothing, &c. A large and varied Stock at bottom prices. Call before purchasing elsewhere.  
Ten Iron Bound Carts for Sale.

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The pioneer house of accommodation this side of Portage la Prairie. A good game of  
BILLIARDS OR POOL

Can be played, and a very social evening can be spent in the Billiard Room.

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**THE BUFFALO STORE,**  
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Is the place where the people all go to get good bargains in DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, and BOOTS and SHOES. A good Stock always on hand.

VILLIERS & PEARSON,  
Proprietors.

JOHN A. McDUGALL, Manager.—dec. 13.—tf:

### BEEF BEEF BEEF!!!

25,000lbs. now in Stock—something very superior—and at very low figures for CASH at the Market House, formerly known as the School House. Call and see for yourself before purchasing elsewhere.

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D. M. McDUGALL.

## LOCAL.

THE Edmonton Milling Co. started gristing today.

SERGEANT SPICER and party left for Fort McLeod on Thursday last.

Four ball parties in Edmonton last week, and several promised for this one.

MR. ANDERSON, Acting Indian Agent, returned from his Lac LaBiche trip on the 4th.

SIX THOUSAND pounds of beef left for the Victoria soup kitchen on Wednesday night last.

MCAULEY & LANG's gang of men left on Tuesday last, for the White Mud, to take out logs for the H. B. C.

MR. TUPPER left Winnipeg on Monday last, to inspect the Telegraph line to Edmonton. He has 18 dogs.

THE weather in the neighborhood of Slave Lake has been remarkably mild. Rain storms were common during December.

THE much talked of race between Wilson's "Surprise" and Selwyn's "Big-knee" is off—the latter horse not being considered good enough.

J. MALLETT, freighter, left for Fort McLeod on Thursday last, with a cargo of saddles for the Mounted Police, to replace those burned at the late fire.

SMITH's thresher was laid up for the season at Cust's lower farm on Thursday. The last work it did was four hundred bushels of wheat in five hours.

A. STEWART returned from his trip up the river on Tuesday last. He reports very little snow around Rocky Mountain House, but plenty at Three Hills.

Lately the Philosophical Society of Great Britain has, unsolicited, conferred the honor of membership on the Rev. Dr. Newton, clergyman of this vicinity.

MR. JAS. MORWICK is laid up at the Mission hospital, St. Albert, with a severe attack of inflammation of the bowels, and very small hopes are entertained of his recovery.

THE "Little Giant" thresher came to grief again on Tuesday last, while working at John Lennie's, Long Lake. The proprietor is changing the mode of running the cylinder, and if unsuccessful will lay the machine up for good.

MR. W. B. YOUNG wishes to state that he had no intention of entering his mare "Nelly" for the slow race on New Year's Day. There is no doubt that, had the race come off, the gallant little mare would have been victorious.

A MYSTERIOUS affair has occurred at the Fort. A case of clothing for the Indian Department, which arrived from Victoria two weeks ago, and which through some means was left on the flat-sled, disappeared sled and all, on the night of its arrival. If not recovered it will come hard on the Indians as they are nearly destitute of clothing.

A TROTTING match was arranged lately between T. Hourston on behalf of Mr. Brereton's horse, and Henry Fraser on behalf of McGillivray's mare "Pussey," fifty dollars a side. Henry Fraser started off forthwith to Victoria for "Pussey," and on his return interviewed Mr. Hourston, who backed out, on the ground that he was afraid of breaking his cutter.

## FORT McLEOD.

The Indians at Blackfoot Crossing are too stubborn to deal with satisfactorily, and are greatly behind. The Sarcees caused much trouble this winter, by going in a body of four hundred to Calgary and demanding food, which could not be supplied there, owing to Government orders to the contrary. Four days starvation and the presence of a detachment of police brought them to their senses, and they agreed to go to McLeod. They are destitute of clothing, and their lodges are not fit to live in. On the trip to McLeod they suffered greatly from the cold, nearly every member of the four hundred being frost-bitten. They are now employed around the garrison doing necessary fatigues.

The "Bloods" under the instruction of McDougall, erected fifty houses in six weeks. All of the work was done by the Indians, who are making great headway.

The Piegans under Instructor Kettles are doing well, and are quick to learn.

The Government has erected on Mill Creek, 37 miles from Fort McLeod, a large water power saw and grist mill.

The crops around McLeod were very backward, the late grain being frost-bitten.

## A GROWL.

To the Editor of the BULLETIN.

SIR,—I would like to enquire through the medium of your truth seeking journal, if there is any routine to be observed in the letting of Mounted Police contracts at this place, and how it is that contracts are made with private individuals, and the public at large is left in ignorance of the fact until the work has been commenced? During the past fall, contracts amounting to hundreds of dollars have been let to one or two individuals, and if tenders had been called for the Government would have saved nearly a third of the amount for the same work. The wood, hay and ice contracts are examples. I was prepared to give a lower price on all three contracts, and a price which would have, if accepted, saved the Government over three hundred and fifty dollars. This is the first place I have ever seen anything of the kind practised, and the sooner it is remedied, the better it will be for all concerned. If public money is to be spent, the public at large should have the benefit, and the only way this can be done is to advertise the thing, so that all who run may read. Thanking you for the space granted.

FARMER.

Fort Saskatchewan, 3rd January.

Over 5,000 tons of freight were carried up the Assiniboine last year. It was navigable to Ellice until August.

Lorne is the name of the territorial electoral division, which includes Prince Albert and St. Laurent.

An emigrant train recently made the trip from Ontario to Manitoba in fifty-four hours.

Gas works are being started in Winnipeg.



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Will be published at Edmonton every Monday morning, from the 1st of December until the 1st of May. Subscription for the season \$2.00. Season advertisements, \$5.00 per inch. No advertisement inserted for less than one dollar. Business cards, not over four lines \$2.50. Mr. F. Wilson, at the H.B.C. store, Edmonton, and Mr. P. H. Belcher, at Fort Saskatchewan, will take subscriptions and advertisements. TAYLOR & OLIVER, Proprietors.

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## MAIL MATTERS.

One of the most desirable things for this community at present would be a semi-monthly mail from Winnipeg and a corresponding one from Edmonton to Fort McLeod. A letter mailed in Edmonton for Fort McLeod goes to Battleford,—300 miles; thence to Cypress, 250 miles, Cypress to Benton, Montana, 200 miles, and from Benton to McLeod, 225—total, 950 miles; just 650 miles out of its road. When the H. B. Co. ran a mail to Calgary and Morleyville three years ago it was found to be a great convenience, and was greatly missed when the service was discontinued. At the present day every traveller who comes north from the Bow river country, brings a whole budget of letters from citizens of that community, who take the opportunity to have letters despatched from the Edmonton Post Office. New settlers are coming in daily to Morleyville and Calgary, and they are entirely without postal facilities, which could very easily be afforded them. A courier could be despatched on the arrival of our Eastern mail with a Southern mail to Fort McLeod and intervening points, and be back in time to catch the next mail going East, which would enable a person here to get letters through by the Central Pacific Railway from Corinne as well as by Winnipeg. If the people of Morleyville, Calgary, McLeod, St. Albert, Fort Saskatchewan and Edmonton would get up a petition to the Postmaster General, setting forth the facts and asking for such a service, it might be productive of some good, and secure us this very desirable boon.

The present mail arrangements to Winnipeg are very unsatisfactory, as the time between mails is too great. It takes on an average ten weeks to get a reply to a letter sent to Winnipeg or Ontario, even when answered on the day it is received—while a letter to McLeod will perhaps bring back a reply in from three to four months.

Mr. Brassey, an English speculator has purchased three tracts of 60,000 acres each in the Bow River country, and Senator Cochrane, a great cattle breeder of Quebec, has also got 60,000 acres. Boys, you had better put down your stakes quick.

## THE INDIAN SCARE.

About ten days ago the telegraph line repairer at Hay Lakes, telegraphed the Acting Indian Agent here, to the effect, that a band of Stoney Indians under Chief Sharphead had visited his house demanding food, and threatening to use force to procure it. No notice was taken of the matter by the Agent, and nothing more was heard of it until the 3rd inst., when the following message was received here by Mr. Anderson:—"Sharphead's band here, about nine, stealing. Want protection. Band still here. Please send and arrest. Reply. [Signed,] Jas. McKernan." This telegram received the same attention as the former one, and the next notice came in the shape of an Indian who filed an appearance at Fort Saskatchewan, and reported a man shot at Hay Lakes. Capt. Gagnon immediately paraded all his available force and left the barracks at 10:30, p. m., for the scene—fifty-five miles distant. In the meantime the following telegram was received by Mr. Hardisty, J. P.:—"Indians taking everything. Had to defend myself with rifle to-day. Gagnon refuses me assistance. Send out relief by daylight if possible. Indians still here. [Signed,] James McKernan." That gentleman immediately ordered a sleigh load of provisions to be sent to the Lakes, as the Agent refused point blank to have anything to do in the matter, giving among other excuses, the one "that the key of the provision house was at the interpreter's, two miles off."

On the arrival of the Police at Hay Lakes they found all quiet, and a scared line repairer. The Indians were several days without food when they reached there, and on being refused some, took it, but offered no violence. The whole thing reflects the greatest discredit on the management of Indian affairs in this district. Whole families are in a state of semi-starvation, and inadequately clothed, while a quantity of provisions and plenty of clothing is stored in the Government store house. An Indian outbreak, if one occurs, will be entirely caused by the present mismanagement of affairs under Commissioner Dewdney and the local man. Golden promises will not keep hunger and cold from a red-skin any more than a white one.

The railway syndicate is trying to buy out the H. B. C. land in the North-West. The Company asks \$5,000,000—or over three times as much for the one-twentieth, as they got ten years ago for the nineteen-twentieths. Land seems to have riz.

A revivalist named Hammond, has been working the field in Winnipeg. It is likely he had some pretty tough sod to break, and if he did not get through a good deal of work it was not for lack of material.

About 1,000 emigrants direct from England are expected in the Little Saskatchewan country next spring.

At Denver, on Nov. the 13th, the thermometer was 14 below, and at Leadville 20 below.

A French speculator has purchased three townships in the Turtle Mountain district.

The real estate of Winnipeg is estimated to be worth \$5,000,000.